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SUBJ: CHRISTIAN-ISLAMIC SEMINAR

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1. LIBYAN-SPONSORED SICULO-ARAB ASSOCIATION IS STAGING A SEMINAR ON "CHRISTIAN-ISLAMIC DIALOGUE" TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 16 IN CATANIA AND TO CONCLUDE IN PALERMO ON NOVEMBER 18. FIRST SUCH SEMINAR WAS HELD IN TRIPOLI, FEBRUARY 1-7, 1976. INVITATION TO ATTEND SEMINAR CITES FOLLOWING (OTHERWISE UNIDENTIFIED) "CATHOLIC REPRESENTATIVES": PROFESSORS ARY ROEST CROLLIUS, JACQUES LANERY, FRANCOIS ABOU MOKH, AND FEDERICO PETRONE. ISLAMIC REPRESENTATIVES ARE: DR. GIBRIL SHALLOUF, WHO IS IDENTIFIED AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PERMANENT CHRISTIAN-ISLAMIC MIXED COMMISSION; AND PROFESSORS IBRAHIM

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ELUTA MIDI, AND KALIFA TIRISI. INVITATION IS SIGNED BY FRANCESCO SAPIO VITRANO AS ACTING PRESIDENT OF SICULO-ARAB ASSOCIATION.

2. COMMENT: AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SICILIAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT, SAPIO VITRANO IS DESCRIBED AS WILLING TO DO ANYTHING LIBYANS ASK OF HIM. SAPIO IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO REBUILD THE PALERMO CHAPTER OF THE SICULO-ARAB ASSOCIATION FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF ITS FORMER PRESIDENT, AVV. ORIO POERIO, WHO RESIGNED BECAUSE OF
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FASCIST TAINT GIVEN THE ORGANIZATION BY PRESIDENT OF ITS CATANIA

CHAPTER, AVV. MICHELE PAPA (REFTEL). POERIO IS NOW RUNNING A
LIBYAN-SPONSORED CULTURAL CENTER IN PALERMO WHICH TEACHES ARABIC,
AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY IN LIBYA, ETC. BOTH POERIO AND
SAPIO VITRANO HAVE RECORDS AS SICILIAN SEPARATISTS.
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